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Title: Weapons Policy		
Advanced by: VSH Policy Committee Approved by: VSH Governing Body		Date: _____ Date: _____

Policy Statement:

No person may carry a dangerous or deadly weapon within patient care areas at the Vermont State Hospital. Patient care areas include the Brooks building, the admissions area, and the connecting corridors.

Purpose:

To provide a safe and secure treatment environment.

Procedures:

Dangerous and deadly weapons are banned from Hospital grounds except that on-duty law enforcement personnel may carry their service weapons to locations outside of patient care areas. Officers will not be permitted to enter the Hospital's patient care areas carrying weapons. In emergency circumstances, the VSH Executive Director may waive these restrictions for law enforcement personnel.

Reference: 13 V.S.A. § 4003.

See also *VSH Restricted Item and Search Policy*